(c) the target suggested by the ONGC and the DGH; and

(d) the expectations from Bombay High and other oil fields separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Ninth Five Year Plan reserve accretion target was already fixed. ONGC has already started the process of examining the possibility of increasing this target.

Collapse of Production Platform at Bombay High

977. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that following the collapse of a production platform at Bombay High-B-173-A- the Oil Production target for the year 1997 has been severely hit;

(b) if so, the circumstances leading to the collapse of the production platform;

(c) the estimated fall in the production target;

(d) the overall oil production target for the year 1997 and the fall in the production target taking into account the production short-fall at various exploration points; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to achieve the maximum production target during the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There was no incidence of collapse of production platform at Bombay High. However, while jacking up the production system-Sagar Laxmi from Panna Location for deployment at B-173A in Nov., 1997, the spud can of star board side leg got detached resulting in damage to 3 cords of the leg. The damage was mainly because Sagar Laxmi facilities continued to remain in jacked up conditions for more than 12 years at the same place.

(c) and (d) ONGC had achieved its Crude Oil Production targets from the Bombay offshore region. The production of oil and condensate was 19.862 MMT against the target of 18.16 MMT during 1997-98. The production targets in this region are expected to be achieved during 1998-99;

(e) Various steps have been initiated to achieve the production targets by ONGC during 1998-99. These are:—

(i) Better reservoir management of the Bombay High Oil fields through closure of high GOR and high water cut wells and infill drilling of more wells.

(ii) Implementation of specialised technologies such as extended reach drilling, horizontal and drain hole drilling, infill drilling re-distribution of water injection, etc.

(iii) Hiring of services of internationally reputed consultants.

(iv) Schemes for improved oil recovery from major fields are expected to contain the declining trend in production.

(v) 3-D seismic surveys for better understanding of the oil field.

LPG Connections released under Tatkal Scheme

978. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NTURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG connections released by various oil companies under Tatkal Scheme since the introduction of the scheme, company-wise and State-wise;